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For: **PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING THERMALLY ASSISTED RECORDING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF FABRICATION THEREFOR**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Following Applicant's Response to the second Restriction Requirement, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.